



CCJM's further evolution

In medicine there are occasional paradigm shifts, but most change is evolutionary. And so it is with the *Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine*.

The honor of succeeding Dr. John Clough as Editor-in-Chief comes with the responsibility of shepherding the continued evolution of the *Journal*. Under Dr. Clough's able stewardship, the *Journal* has assumed a prominent role among education-focused internal medicine journals. I fully accept the responsibility of maintaining this focus, with deep appreciation of what Dr. Clough and previous editors have accomplished.

I also appreciate the steadfast support of the Division of Education at The Cleveland Clinic, chaired by Dr. Andrew Fishleder and administered by Phil Gard, and the Clinic's institutional leadership, who have been totally committed to this teaching enterprise.

Our goal is to publish papers written with the needs of our readers in mind. Our mission, firmly established by Dr. Clough, is to provide you with clinically sound and, we hope, enjoyable learning experiences. We strive to mix clinical relevance with evidence-based and experience-based analysis. And we try to present these articles in a readable format so that you can remember the important educational messages.

All of our manuscripts undergo peer review by experts to verify their accuracy and to detect any bias, and a separate review by generalists to determine if the paper is relevant to our readers, who are mostly busy internists. Our staff then edits the manuscript, often substantially, to enhance the clarity of the teaching messages. This editing can be a laborious process and has surprised some of our authors when they received the galleys for final approval, but we hope they understand our purpose is to make the message clear to our readers.

I will continue to ask for your input. Our success will be measured by our ability to deliver an increasingly effective learning experience. Should we increase our problem-based coverage of scientific and translational advances? Are there areas of medicine that we are not adequately reviewing? How can we promote more interaction between readers, authors, and editors?

As for Dr. Clough's plans, he will be heading the new Cleveland Clinic Press, performing and writing music, advising the government on medical affairs, seeing patients in our rheumatology clinic, and, we hope, giving us his counsel and pouring red (heart-healthy) wine at the annual *Journal* barbecue for many years to come.

We at the *Journal* offer you our personal wishes for a healthy and more peaceful new year.

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